

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Angelo BEATI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/574,258 Confirmation No.: 9739  
Filed: March 28, 2006  
For: A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A  
LATTICE REINFORCING DEVICE, AND THE USE OF  
SUCH A DEVICE IN A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY  
Art Unit: 3663  
Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica  
Customer No.: 23280  
Atty. Docket: 12928/10026; 569.1012

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 28, 2010

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2010 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.